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QCWA WISCONSIN CHAPTER

The board met at W9ESJ's shack on December 2nd. Chairman W9BKD, W9VQD, W9ESJ, WN9EHA, W9EDS and W9CTI were present. W9NJH was appointed Membership Chairman with W9VOW assisting. Send all prospective names to Ray or Jerry.

The dues is being raised to \$2 a year because of the need to provide a Sunshine fund. Those who paid up their dues already are asked to pay another dollar for this year. Members are to contact the Treasurer W9VQD or a board member in case of a QCWA member or spouse passing away. Because of our widespread membership. A memorial will be sent to the family instead of flowers.

W9CCD and W9CAS will be presented with their 50-year certificate at the MRAC Old Timers' Night. W9VQD reported on Harland's at Kiel for the Spring Meeting. Also it was decided to have the next Annual Meeting in the Milwaukee area. Comments will be welcome.

SUNSHINE REPORT: W9KHE is home after six weeks in the hospital. His XYL is trying to have him check into the net but he does listen-in. W9ELY is expected home at this writing after abdominal surgery. Hurry and get well fellows!

TRAVELERS REPORT: WB9CSQ heads south with his trailer; W9VQD vacationed in Hawaii; W9CTI was in Rochester N.Y. and Vermont over the holidays; W9YFW down and back from "sunny" Florida; and W9NRP back and forth from Arkansas.

As reported in the last issue, the first net of the month was declared an "official" meeting with the Chairman at Net Control. Those that do not regularly check are urged to report in at least this monthly "meeting". Attendance has been good with 20-25 checking in. Remember net time: 9:00 AM Sundays on 3985 MHz, CU there.

ADS (FREE)

FOR SALE a number of clean 2-meter rigs taken from mobile telephone service. Their are 4 channels. Call Jack W9ATK 352-0292.
WANTED TO CONTACT someone in the Milwaukee area that is familiar with small astronomical telescopes. Call Chet W9CTI 461-4770.

CQ3TUE (CQ 3RD TUESDAY)

The first meeting of a non-club nature was held on the third Tuesday of January. 27 local hams gathered at the Svedenhouse Smorgasbord Restaurant for a \$1.72 all-you-can-eat lunch. As can be expected, most of those attending were retirees but all who attended thoroly enjoyed the fellowship. George Ruger was the prime mover of the event. The group unanimously voted to make this a non-club organization--no officers, no dues, no program---just fellowship. All local hams and visitors are invited to the Svedenhouse on the Third Tuesday of the month. Circle your calendars. The Charter non-members of the first meeting are: W9FY, W9EQ, W9CAS, W9ESJ, W9DZE W9CUA, W9EAN, W5THB/9, WA9SUY, W9ATK, W9VQD, W9ZPV, W9KLK, W9CCD, W9LJU, W9BG, WB9BGJ, W9IZO, W9ECL, W9RKP, W9NY, ex9DTK, W9VBQ, W9CTI, W9CM, W9WVL, and George Ruger who hasn't received his General call yet.

MEETING REPORT JAN. 11TH

K9ZYS has resigned from his duties of 1st Vice-president due to press of business. WB9BWP, now 1st and 2nd Vice-president, requests ideas for programs be brought to his attention. Tentative plans are being made to make a field trip to the New Berlin Observatory. After the business was concluded, several hams related how they had their "humble" beginning. This proved to be very interesting.

12TH ANNUAL VALENTINE-DINNER DANCE FEB 24TH

This is a reminder to make your calendar and send in your reservation to Russ Bursa, W9RKP, 679-0458. The place is Moser's Cafe on 31st and Lisbon.

LOCAL AND STATE NETS

| <u>TIME</u> | <u>DAYS</u> | <u>FREQ</u> | <u>NET</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| 6:45 AM | M-SA | 3985 | Badger Wx Net |
| 9:00 AM | Daily | .67 | Geritol Net |
| 9:00 AM | Sun | 3985 | QCWA Net |
| 12:00 PM | Daily | 3985 | Badger Emerg Net |
| 1:00 PM | Sun | 3940 | Ozaukee Net |
| 5:30 PM | Daily | 3985 | Wis SSB Net |
| 6:00 PM | Daily | 50.1 | Milw Area on 6@6 |
| 6:30 PM | M-W-F | 3662 | Wis Slo Speed |
| 7:00 PM | Daily | 3662 | Early WIN CW |
| 7:30 PM | Mon | 28.7 | Milw Lakeshore |
| 8:00 PM | Su-W | .88 | RTTY Net |
| 8:30 PM | Wed | 21,400 | Friendly A R Soc |
| 9:00 PM | Mon | .67 | AREC Emerg. Net |
| 9:00 PM | M-W-F | 21,360 | Nutty Nut Net |
| 10:00 PM | Daily | 3662 | Late WIN CW |

THE WEST ALLIS CLUB had very fine program on the National Traffic System presented by Bob Lade W9UCR. He is the Route Manager of WIN CW Net (Wisconsin Intrastate Net).. Bob Goldstein presented interesting information on the AREC the next meeting. W.A. is very busy in February with the Swapfest and the 10-meter contests.

FALLS RADIO CLUB always welcome visitors and members. Meetings held on the last Tuesday of the month at the Community Bldg on Pilgrim Road (under the Police Dept.) at 7:30. Main attraction is coffee and doughnuts!

YELLOW THUNDER RADIO CLUB OFFICERS for the year are:

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| President | WB9BPS |
| Vice-Pres | WB9BPL |
| Secretary | K9PKQ |
| Treasurer | WB9EWR |

W9BG gave a history of Ham radio in this area and was enjoyed by all. K9PKQ was inspired to write FCC regarding the use of calculators during exams. This is the answer received. "We allow the use of electronic calculators provided that the instrument does not carry prohibited notes or data..... We would insist on examination of the instrument prior to the examination and after the examination to clear any memory bank which the calculator may have."

CHATTER

Emmett Koebler K9DD announces that he is tired of single blessedness and will get married Feb. 10th. He met Edna thru ham radio (phone patching). They will take a 3 week honeymoon on a Caribbean cruise.

WA9JOV is heading south in February.

George Ruger finally got his General.

Mike Lester is now a general with WB9HYX. WN9ISM has worked 56 countries and is going to his General in April.

W9YYW lost the use of his beam due the coax "opening" in the cold wx. He had an SWR of 10:1.

W9CTI visited in Rochester N.Y. and met some of the Ra Ra Gang. He attended a meeting and had two informal get-togethers similar to our CQ3TUE eye-balls.

SILENT KEYS

Clifford Nalmborg passed away recently of cancer at the Deaconess Hospital. He will be remembered as the manager of the local Heath Kit Store.

Dr. E.J. Emanuel, W9ETZ who passed away in December, was among the original founders of the West Allis Radio Club.



CONSTRUCTION

W9ZPV just finished a 300 MHz counter with the total cost of \$61.20 with a little junk-box assist. Anyone can be sure of their freq with a little work, sez Dick.

K9WRU is constructing a programmable counter with LED read-out of nine digits.

W9ITD is constructing an SSTV monitor.

W9KNZ is building 2KW final.

BAND ACTIVITIES

K9WRU would like to try a little FAX on 2-meters if anyone is interested.

W9ZPZ is aiming at QRP on SSB.

Listen for Sister O'sanna WN9KYF on 40 meters. She needs practice and would appreciate ragchews with anyone. Please QRS for now and give the YL a hand.

WB9BGJ worked KH6BIH on 20 CW. So what? Dave is blind and also DEAF! He "hears" CW with his finger tip and special speaker cone.

W9GF and W9CTI were ready to copy the original Marconi Message on 7060 KHZ from Commemorative Station WCLMAR when time ran out and W1HWM/1 took over saying that the message would be sent on schedule. Altho the announcement was sent twice.. neither one heard the message sent.. What happened?

SUNSHINE



WB9BWS is reported in the hospital..

Charter member Clarence Crapo, W9VD, is confined at the Vet's Hospital at Woods. He fell and broke his hip, according to reports.

HERE'S A CHALLENGE!

WEST ALLIS CLUB 10-METER CONTEST

WARAC IS INVITING ALL to two fun nights, FONE on Feb. 14th and CW on Feb 15th. Both nights between 10PM and 11 PM. Suggested freqs 28.5 to 28.7 and 28.1 to 28.2 and includes novices freqs.

SIMPLE RULES: Log station, RST, QTH (city, town, village), Club 250 Watts max, one contact one point. Send log to: Lynn Tamblin, WA9KRF 4582 So. Ahmedi Ave., St. Francis, Wis., 53207 by Feb. 20th. Have fun!

OZAUKEE RADIO CLUB is having a difficult time getting a regular meeting place since the Hill School fire. The repeater is about ready to go. The building is ready and waiting for the final installation.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS CLUB WILL BE HELD AT THE M.S.O.E. 1020 NO. BROADWAY, ROOM 5B, FEB. 8, 7:30 PM. PAUL KELLY OF THE SUMMERFEST WILL BE THE SPEAKER. THE NEW ROSTER IS BEING PRINTED. IF YOUR NAME IS TO BE INCLUDED, YOUR DUES MUST BE PAID UP.

AREC MEETING THE 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, AT THE RED CROSS BLDG. 26TH AND WISCONSIN

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